

Up-front multi-year funding

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The Foundation for Conservation of Atlantic Salmon

Recipient information

[The Foundation for Conservation of Atlantic Salmon¹](#)

Start date

January 2007

End date

Not applicable

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions

Link to department's program inventory

Fisheries Management

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment Program

The Atlantic Salmon Endowment Fund is a one-time grant that will be invested to provide long-term funding for the operation of the Foundation for Conservation of Atlantic Salmon (FCAS). The FCAS will invest the funds and use the income to assist community groups in the restoration, protection, and improved conservation of the Atlantic salmon resource in Atlantic Canada and Québec. This will promote projects in research, conservation, habitat restoration, and enhancement for the attainment of healthy and sustainable wild Atlantic salmon stocks.

Total funding approved (dollars)

\$30 million

Total funding received (dollars)

\$30 million

Planned funding in 2026--27 (dollars)

\$0

Planned funding in 2027--28 (dollars)

\$0

Planned funding in 2028-29 (dollars)

\$0

Summary of recipient's annual plan

¹ At its inception, the foundation was incorporated as the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation; however, it was recently renamed the Foundation for Conservation of Atlantic Salmon.

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Recipient information

[Qikiqtani Inuit Association](#)

Start date

To be confirmed (subject to the contribution agreement being listed in the 2025-26 Main Estimates, negotiated, and then signed by all parties).

End date

June 30, 2030 (subject to the contribution agreement being listed in the 2025-26 Main Estimates, negotiated, and then signed by all parties).

Link to departmental result(s)

- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People
- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

Link to department's program inventory

Marine Planning and Conservation

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to support the establishment of the Nauttiguqtiit Conservation Centres Project – Qikiqtani Regional Conservation Model. The expected results are the construction of Nauttiguqtiit conservation centres, which will enable Inuit-led stewardship activities, including the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's (QIAs) Nauttiguqtiit programs, in the communities where Nauttiguqtiit conservation centres are constructed.

Total funding approved (dollars)

\$20 million

Total funding received (dollars)

\$20 million

Planned funding in 2026--27 (dollars)

\$0

Planned funding in 2027--28 (dollars)

\$0

Planned funding in 2028-29 (dollars)

\$0

Summary of recipient's annual plan

Activities:

Construction of Nauttiguqtiit Conservation Centres Activities:

1. Project planning: All tasks related to community needs assessments, including community consultations and related expenses, site assessments, lot acquisitions, in selected Communities and determination of procurement methods, as well as other pre-project activities, will be planned and executed to ensure smooth project initiation.

2. Design of the Nauttiguqtiit Conservation Centres: QIA will ensure that an experienced northern architect, engineers, and designers are included in the design-build team to advise on the design and construction processes, which may include modular manufacturing processes.

3. Construction of the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres: QIA will work with a specialized design-build team to strategically plan the construction of the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres according to other activities and planned construction taking place concurrently. QIA will find synergies in sealift schedules and ensure availability of accommodations, to mitigate risks associated with construction in the Qikiqtani Region. The physical construction of the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres will take place in this construction phase.

4. Implementation activities: Following the construction of the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres, tenants for office space (if applicable) will be identified and incorporated into the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres, and the stewardship activities, including Nauttiqsuqtiit programs in the selected Communities will begin operations out of the Nauttiqsuqtiit Conservation Centres.

Costs:

Construction, infrastructure and related costs*

2026-2027: 2,500,000.00

2027-2028: 10,000,000.00

2028-2029: 4,000,000.00

**Note that costs were also identified for 2025-2026 (2,500,000.00) and 2029-2030 (1,000,000.00)*